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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS MALIK MEETINGS WITH GVN,

DRV REPS; FONOFF DENIAL OF KNOWLEDGE OF INDONESIAN

MEDIATION EFFORT FOR VIETNAM

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1. JAKARTA PRESS FEB 5 REPORTS ANNOUNCEMENT BY FONOFF SPOKESMAN NANA SUTRESNA THAT GOI FONMIN MALIK FEB 3 MET CONSECUTIVELY WITH GVN FONOFF SPECIAL WNVVOY LE QUAN GIANG AND DRV AMBASSADOR NGUYEN HOA. ANNOUNCEMENT SAID MALIK STRESSED TO BOTH REPS INDONESIAN DESIRE THAT ALL SIDES ADHERE TO PARIS AGREEMENTS AS "BEST BASIS" FOR SOLUTION OF VIETNAM SITUATION.

2. SUTRESNA ALSO QUOTED AS DENYING KNOWLEDGE OF REPORTED EFFORT BY INDONESIA TO EXPLORE WITH NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM POSSIBILITY OF "DE FACTO" DIVISION OF TERRITORY IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND DRAWING OF DEMARCATION LINES IN ORDER BRING ABOUT CESSATION OF FIGHTING. JAKARTA
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PRESS REPORT CITED ASSOCIATED PRESS ITEM BASED ON

"WASHINGTON DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" AS ORIGIN THIS STORY.

SUTRESNA IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUESTIONS STATED THAT THIS WAS NOT NEW QUESTION, SINCE PARIS AGREEMENT ALREADY CALLED FOR CEASEFIRE WHICH IMPLIED DRAWING OF "STATUS QUO" DEMARCATION LINES, BUT THAT IMPLEMENTATION PRESENTED PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF "LEOPARD-SPOT" NATURE OF TERRITORIAL DIVISIONS. END UNCLASSIFIED, BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL

3. COMMENTS: A) ANNOUNCEMENT OF MALIK RECEPTION OF BOTH VIETNAMESE ENVOYS ON SAME DAY CLEARLY INTENDED TO STRESS "NEUTRALITY" OF INDONESIAN POSITION AS ICCS MEMBER AND AVOID ANY IMPLICATION THAT RECEPTION OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE ENVOY(REF) INVOLVED SPECIAL GOI-GVN CONSULTATIONS OR RELATIONSHIP.

B) WE HAVE NOT SEEN ALLEGED WASHINGTON-DATELINED REPORTS OF INDONESIAN INITIATIVE ON DEMARCATION QUESTION. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE OF SUBSTANCE OF THESE REPORTS. NEWSOM

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